

Licensing Subcommittee Minutes

February 19, 2002

Attendance

Flo Allen, Pat Dickason, Liz Egge, Patricia Eslava-Vessey, Carol Griffith, Micaela Guberlet, Lynn Jabs, Marge Johnson, Nancy Rowsell, Michelle Sokoloski,

Guest: Mary Winkler

Note: Items with asterisk and in bold are questions, concerns or issues needing action or further discussion. Please review.

Linda Tyner is not available to serve as Chair. Micaela will chair for six months. Liz will continue to pursue an appointment for the CCCC representative.

Subsidy

There will be a cutback from 225% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This will be implemented on April 10, 2002. This will eliminate 1142 families and slow down growth of the program. Co-payments will be up to a minimum of \$15.00 per month per family.

There are concerns about notification of providers that families are getting awards. The e-child care project is underway. There will be disconnect from the existing system. The hope is to develop a means for providers to immediately access eligibility and to record attendance for payment.

There are concerns about different interpretations of the subsidy WAC. The call center environment helps with consistency. Automate as many decision points as possible. Other concerns about the authorization process are backdating terms, and caring for children before authorization.

Other discussion included:

- List of Regional Administrators and Regional Coordinators.
- Forward website of Children's Defense Fund
- Management Team — Link authorizing workers to providers.
- Call center information out to regions for orientation

The vision is to have instant communication on policy changes.

Budget

Information was shared.

Family Home Survey

Pat shared recurring comments.

Future Agenda

Work experience as qualifications for center management

Subsidy (quality assurance project, background checks)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19 in Tacoma.